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WESTERN AUSTRALIA.REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, 1950.

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POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 31st March, 1950, was estimated to be 552,030, comprising 283,652 Males and 268,378 Females.

On the 31st December, 1949, the population of the Metropolitan Area was estimated at 294,000.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

		<u>JUNE</u>		<u>6 Months ended JUNE</u>	
		<u>1950</u>	<u>1949</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1949</u>
Marriages	Number	392	393	2,825	2,590
	* Rate per 1000 of Popln.	8.58	9.00	10.34	9.90
Births	Number	1,112	1,125	6,813	6,580
	* Rate per 1000 of Popln.	24.33	25.75	24.93	25.15
Deaths	Number	473	427	2,348	2,263
	* Rate per 1000 of Popln.	10.35	9.77	8.59	8.65
Infant Mortality	Number	33	23	202	180
	/ Rate per 1000 Live Births	29.68	20.44	29.65	27.36
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -</u>					
Tuberculosis		13	12	68	63
Cancer		58	60	335	318
Influenza		3	2	6	7
Diphtheria		-	1	-	3
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.		50	36	237	205
Arteriosclerosis		15	4	54	77
Diseases of the Heart		168	138	700	664
Pneumonia and Broncho Pneumonia		24	30	74	140
Diarrhoea and Enteritis		2	-	15	21
Nephritis		5	21	40	80
Diseases of Early Infancy		18	13	138	99
Senility		3	5	22	41
Accidents		22	21	184	144
All Other Causes		92	84	475	401
TOTAL		473	427	2,348	2,263

\* Equivalent Annual Rate.

/ Deaths under one year.

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LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the seven months ended July, totalled 551,183 acres, an increase of 212,794 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 1,094,367 acres, a decrease of 210,640 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of JULY		12 Months ended JUNE	
	1950	1949	1950	1949
	£	£	£	£
Revenue	1,942,365	1,501,511	25,810,961	20,560,646
Revenue per Head of Popln.	£3. 9. 7d.	£2.16. 3d.	£47. 6. 0d.	£39. 7. 6d.
Expenditure	2,048,169	1,664,610	25,787,203	21,377,907
Expenditure per Head of Popln.	£3.13. 5d.	£3. 2. 4d.	£47. 5. 1d.	£40.18. 9d.

SAVINGS BANKS.

Depositors' Balances on the 31st July amounted to £39,687,462 or £70.19.11d. per head of population as against £37,792,623 or £70.12.3d. per head as at the 31st July last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearance for the 4 weeks ended 26th July, 1950, amounted to £8,156,698 compared with £6,001,978 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles & Deeds		JULY		12 Months ended JUNE	
		1950	1949	1950	1949
Transfers	No.	2,106	1,628	22,128	19,436
	£	2,371,041	982,088	20,148,416	11,477,590
Mortgages	No.	1,559	913	13,993	10,567
	£	2,339,838	1,038,228	15,962,278	10,419,810
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	1,029	820	10,907	10,042

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS & TAX COLLECTED.

Period	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Gross)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£	£	£	£
Year ended 30th June, 1949.	18,522,779	11,694,334	45,148,825	2,085,203
Year ended 30th June, 1950.	23,126,660	15,063,742	49,812,041	2,412,073
Month of July, 1949.	1,700,189	1,043,068	4,188,802	177,441
Month of July, 1950.	2,214,102	1,564,525	4,416,974	210,631



COMPANIES REGISTERED.

11 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £600,000 and 5 Foreign Companies were registered during the month of July, 1950. Registrations for the corresponding month last year comprised 11 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £360,000 and 8 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

	Month of JULY					
	1950			1949		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
Sequestration Orders	6	£ 7,162	£ 3,240	1	£ 201	-
Deeds of Assignment(a)	-	-	-	2	5,153	3,564
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for general and passenger traffic, were as follows:-

		JUNE		12 Months ended JUNE	
		1950	1949	1950	1949
Gross Earnings (a)	£	723,349	408,444	6,472,049	5,214,844
Working Expenses (a)	£	751,502	578,643	7,501,395	6,702,254
Train Miles Run	No.	582,661	558,054	6,733,141	7,036,521
Motor Bus Miles Run	No.	(b)211,510	84,920	1,328,699	989,608
Passenger Journeys -					
Train	No.	1,151,079	1,137,252	11,188,113	12,623,659
Motor Bus	No.	48,111	28,757	483,542	355,439
Tonnage Carried -					
Paying Goods		225,619	193,072	2,696,399	2,573,964
Livestock		8,974	8,737	146,893	162,756
Departmental (Free Freight)		59,924	47,493	801,390	592,360
Total		294,517	249,302	3,644,682	3,329,080
Net Ton Mileage of -					
Paying Goods		33,047,615	27,550,789	408,232,387	373,178,760
Livestock		1,358,732	970,384	18,126,345	20,345,995
Departmental (Free Freight)		8,117,818	7,096,350	100,714,450	89,910,286
Total		42,524,165	35,617,523	527,073,182	483,435,041

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Period covered - 8 weeks ended 30th June.





MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH OWNED VEHICLES).

Period	Metropolitan Area				Entire State			
	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1947	1,224	519	40	593	2,066	1,685	54	883
Year 1948	2,083	726	63	824	4,036	2,483	114	1,376
Year 1949	3,250	1,141	79	1,160	6,592	3,722	156	2,120
<u>1950 -</u>								
January	312	58	-	105	696	218	7	214
February	394	122	2	109	814	394	6	199
March	390	173	1	112	827	510	9	242
April	422	114	7	94	817	381	12	215
May	477	149	8	104	933	430	15	190
June	333	142	14	72	591	271	17	116

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)\*

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Area				Entire State			
	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<u>1948 -</u>								
June	21,968	10,132	275	5,445	35,485	34,362	457	8,874
December	23,389	11,081	335	6,063	37,820	36,453	572	9,622
<u>1949 -</u>								
June	24,327	11,183	354	6,339	40,057	37,533	638	10,582
December	25,392	11,744	402	6,924	43,128	40,167	781	11,378
<u>1950 -</u>								
January	26,108	11,853	427	6,973	42,977	37,811	764	11,259
February	26,438	11,900	426	7,023	44,377	39,339	786	11,592
March	26,705	11,997	427	7,083	45,363	40,344	802	11,866
April	27,054	11,999	424	7,115	45,946	40,210	794	12,039
May	27,554	12,154	427	7,124	47,135	41,026	805	12,217
June	27,946	12,319	443	7,220	47,902	41,477	826	12,403

\* Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles, which comprised for June, 1950, 147 Cars; 682 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 10 Buses and 7 Motor Cycles.

TRADE\* (Interstate and Oversea).

Trade of Western Australia, June, 1950 and 1949 and 12 months ending June, 1950 and 1949, expressed in terms of Australian Currency :-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	JUNE		12 Months ended JUNE		JUNE		12 Months ended JUNE	
	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949
Oversea	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000
Interstate	3,487	2,210	34,422	22,038	3,491	2,915	55,532	50,819
	4,565	2,522	35,022	30,591	624	506	6,288	4,775
TOTAL	8,052	4,732	69,444	52,629	4,115	3,421	61,820	55,594

\* Figures are preliminary and subject to revision.

NOTE: (a) The following information is for your information only and should not be used for any other purpose.

Item	Quantity	Unit	Value	Remarks
1. 100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2. 100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
3. 100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
4. 100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
5. 100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
6. 100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
7. 100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
8. 100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
9. 100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
10. 100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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6. 100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
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6. 100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
7. 100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
8. 100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
9. 100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
10. 100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

BUILDING ACTIVITY.

Note: These tables supersede particulars published in previous reports of Building Permits issued by Local Authorities.

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,041	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
1950 -										
Mar. Qr.	200	179	557	764	10	58	66	124	833	1,125
June Qr.	281	267	787	1,088	8	46	92	106	1,168	1,507

(a) Comprises Governmental Day Labour as well as Private Contractor operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and other Residentials, excluded from table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION.

(Including Owner-Built Homes).

Period	Houses Completed - Classified according to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other Material		Total	
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
1950 -										
Mar. Qr.	294	465	51	43	375	402	7	6	727	916
June Qr.	408	659	86	76	499	547	13	12	1,006	1,294

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

947,952 lbs. were produced during June, 1950 and 15,010,843 lbs. for the twelve months ended June, 1950, as against 1,015,637 and 15,581,226 lbs. respectively, for the corresponding periods for 1949.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

	JULY		7 Months ended JULY	
	1950	1949	1950	1949
Quantity ... Fine Ozs.	46,152	48,832	344,822	378,644
Value (Aust. Currency) £	714,965	525,550	5,353,055	4,075,146

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the seven months ended July, 1950, amounted to £589,171. Dividends reported for the corresponding period of 1949 amounted to £296,772.





RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of Each Series : Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000).

Town	Food and Groceries				All Items of Household Expenditure ("C" Series).			
	JULY		7 Months ended JULY		JUNE QUARTER		12 Months ended JUNE	
	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949
Metropolitan Area	1584	1459	1543	1406	1517	1406	1473	1336
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1715	1593	1677	1547	1616	1498	1564	1434
Northam	1602	1480	1566	1427	1532	1419	1485	1344
Bunbury	1590	1467	1546	1416	1532	1421	1488	1350
Geraldton	1627	1496	1585	1443	1590	1472	1538	1403
Collie	1584	1485	1552	1428	1454	1353	1411	1287

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT.

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic).

Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician.

Month	1949			1950		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	111,653	36,839	148,492	117,756	38,819	156,575
February	110,931	37,417	148,348	118,064	39,050	157,114
March	112,063	37,770	149,833	119,009	39,708	158,717
April	112,671	37,887	150,558	119,440	39,726	159,166
May	112,777	37,782	150,559	120,616	39,755	160,371
June	113,010	37,928	150,938	120,479	39,952	160,431
July	111,190	37,991	149,181			
August	113,003	38,098	151,101			
September	113,933	38,358	152,291			
October	114,603	38,649	153,252			
November	116,102	39,143	155,245			
December	117,493	39,684	157,177			

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000))				
	1946	1947	1948	1949(a)	1950(a)	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950
January	145	162	171	179	199	995	1134	1233	1354	1410
February	148	164	172	182	196	1016	1138	1249	1358	1387
March	151	166	176	186	198	1045	1145	1264	1371	1415
April	153	167	176	187	199	1051	1144	1264	1377	1415
May	154	168	177	187	201	1069	1151	1277	1354	1418
June	154	167	177	187	201	1087	1153	1277	1362	1429
July	157	167	177	182		1096	1168	1301	1381	
August	159	167	179	187		1109	1181	1294	1377	
September	160	168	180	191		1114	1172	1302	1365	
October	161	168	180	191		1118	1184	1318	1375	
November	158	169	182	192		1133	1215	1349	1402	
December	163	170	182	193		1165	1267	1385	1470	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1949 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.



UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.

(Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician).

	Admittances			Discharges			On Benefit end of Month		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1949 -</u>									
January	112	6	118	98	3	101	116	5	121.
February	72	3	75	78	5	83	110	3	113
March	50	-	50	62	2	64	98	1	99
April	57	5	62	72	2	74	83	4	87
May	37	3	40	33	3	36	87	4	91
June	57	7	64	44	4	48	100	7	107
July	4,645	665	5,310	4,371	643	5,014	374	29	403
August	104	9	113	195	19	214	283	19	302
September	67	2	69	102	7	109	248	14	262
October	67	12	79	82	7	89	233	19	252
November	34	7	41	43	4	47	224	22	246
December	38	3	41	25	2	27	237	23	260
<u>1950 -</u>									
January	69	3	72	146	8	154	160	18	178
February	46	7	53	56	5	61	150	20	170
March	36	5	41	49	5	54	137	20	157

STATE BASIC WAGE.

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area		South-West Land Division		Goldfields and rest of State	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
31st July, 1950	£ s. d. 7. 3. 6.	£ s. d. 3. 17. 6.	£ s. d. 7. 3. 3.	£ s. d. 3. 17. 4.	£ s. d. 7. 11. 6.	£ s. d. 4. 1. 10.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station).

	JULY		12 Months ended JUNE	
	1950	1949	1950	1949
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	21,950	9,254	235,068	220,686
Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)	20,116	8,334	214,898	187,682

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
July, 1950	15,390	550	32,972	7,056
July, 1949	15,962	394	38,857	7,041
7 Months ended JULY, 1950.	70,721	2,734	358,016	54,171
7 Months ended JULY, 1949.	63,974	2,720	388,400	62,011

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